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PANAMA FOR GAO DE MARCO

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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW: "MARKETING OF COFFEE"

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1. GAO REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON MET WITH MESSRS. RUEDA AND SOTO OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF COFFEE GROWERS OF COLOMBIA. MESSRS. RUEDA AND SOTO ADVISED GAO THAT THEIR QUESTIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE GOC THRU THE EMBASSY IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED BY THE FEDERATION FROM THE GOC.

2. ACCORDINGLY, GAO REQUESTS THAT THE EMBASSY ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN DATA ON THE FOLLOWING IN TIME FOR DELIVERY TO THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GAO TEAM WHICH WILL ARRIVE BOGOTA MID-APRIL.

A.) THE ROLES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF COLOMBIA AND IN PARTICULAR THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COFFEE GROWERS IN THE PRODUCTION AND MARKETING OF COLOMBIAN COFFEE.

B.) A DESCRIPTION OF THE MARKETING CHAIN FOR COFFEE FROM

PRODUCTION TO EXPORT OR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION.

C.) A DESCRIPTION OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE NATIONAL COFFEE FUND.

D.) STATISTICS ON COLOMBIA COFFEE PRODUCTION, EXPORTS, DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION OVER THE PAST 5 YEARS.

E.) A DESCRIPTION OF AND STATISTICS ON THE SUPPORT PRICE FROM THE PREFROST PERIOD IN 1975 UNTIL THE PRESENT, AND HOW IT IS PAID TO THE PRODUCER.

F.) DESCRIPTIONS OF AND STATISTICS ON THE EXPORT PRICE, THE AD VALOREM TAX AND THE RETENTION QUOTA FROM THE PRE-FROST PERIOD IN 1975 UNTIL THE PRESENT, THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO THE EXTERNAL PRICE, AND THEIR INTERRELATIONSHIP.

G.) STATISTICS ON THE RELATIONSHIP OF COFFEE PRODUCTION AND EXPORT TO THE COLOMBIA ECONOMY.

H.) A DESCRIPTION OF AND STATISTICS ON THE EXPORTERS' REPATRIATION PRICE AND HOW SUCH A PRICE RELATES TO THE EXTERNAL PRICE OF COFFEE.

I.) A DESCRIPTION OF THE METHODS USED TO GATHER DATA ON COFFEE PRODUCTION AND STOCKS, AND TO FORECAST PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES.

J.) A DESCRIPTION OF COLOMBIA'S PRODUCTION AND EXPORTING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PLANS FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS.

3. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE DESCRIPTIONS AND DATA REQUESTED IN PARAGRAPH TWO FROM ITS OWN KNOWLEDGE OF THE COLOMBIAN COFFEE SECTOR, EMBASSY REPORTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS IN EMBASSY FILES, PUBLISHED MATERIAL, AND, IF NECESSARY, INFORMAL INQUIRIES TO THE COFFEE FEDERATION. THEREFORE, PLEASE DO NOT REPEAT NOT APPROACH THE GOC ON THIS MATTER.
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